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SUBJECT: BURUNDI RESPONSE TO USAID MUYINGA PROJECT

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE RECEIVED FEB 22 INFORMS EMBASSY THAT AGRICULTURE MINISTRY HAS SERIOUSLY STUDIED U.S. PROPOSAL FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND IS VERY ANXIOUS THAT STUDIES START ON THE PROJECT, SINCE IT FITS INTO BURUNDI'S OWN PRE-OCCUPATIONS IN THIS FIELD. AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW ALL PROBLEMS RELATED TO CURRENT STATE OF PREPARATION OF PROJECT AND TO USAID PLANS, AS WELL AS RESULTS OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION MADE BY REDSO IN SEPTEMBER. AIM OF REVIEW WOULD BE DEFINE PROJECT MORE FULLY, TO ESTABLISH A TIMETABLE FOR STUDIES, AND TO AGREE ON THE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AND ON THE PRECISE SECTORS IN WHICH THE PROJECT WILL OPERATE. NOTE ASKS EMBASSY TO SUGGEST A DATE FOR BILATERAL REVIEW. IT ALSO SAYS THAT STUDY SHOULD START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER BILATERAL REVIEW SESSION AND THAT STUDY SHOULD SERVE LATER AS BASIS FOR CONCLUSION OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT.

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2. ARRIVAL OF AID DEVELOPMENT OFFICER LAMBACHER ON FEB 24 IS IDEAL TIMING FOR STARTING FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES ON NOTE. HE WILL ALSO HAVE GENERAL IDEA OF SCHEDULING POSSIBILITIES IN USAID FOR LATER ARRIVAL OF EXPERTS FOR STUDY.

3. NOTE IS UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT OF OUR DEMARCHE TO PRIME

MINISTER OF FEB 17 (REFTELS), BUT TO SAVE BURUNDI FACE OF
NOT WANTING TO SEEM TO BE ACTING UNDER ANY PRESSURE, NOTE IS
BACKDATED TO FEB 16, IN SPITE OF DELIVERY FEB 22. SIMILARLY,
MUYINGA LOCATION OF PROJECT (BECAUSE IT IS OUR, NOT THEIR
CHOICE) IS NOWHERE MENTIONED, EVEN THOUGH REFERENCES TO OUR
NOTE OF LAST DECEMBER TEN AND TO DESIRE TO REVIEW RESULTS OF
PRELIMINARY REDSO INVESTIGATION MAKE CLEAR THAT MUYINGA IS
WHAT WE ARE ALL TALKING ABOUT. OBVIOUSLY, WE WILL HAVE TO
CATER A BIT TO BURUNDI SENSIBILITIES IN COURSE OF NEXT
STAGES OF WORK ON PROJECT, BUT JUST AS EVIDENT IS POLITICAL
DESIRE OF PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS IN GOVERN-
MENT TO GET U.S. AID PROJECT UNDER WAY.
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